

Parent Tips

Two-Dimensional and Three-Dimensional Shapes

In this Module, students will begin with describing and sorting flat shapes, and then solid shapes. Finally, students will learn sort and compare both flat and solid shapes.

Kindergarten,
Module 2

Before This Module: Students counted numbers up to ten, including learning about one more than and one less than a number.

What Comes After This Module: Students will continue work with numbers, using units of weight and measurement to talk about more and less than a number.

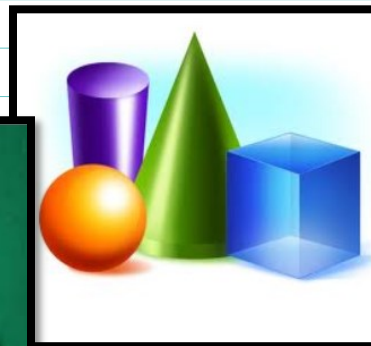
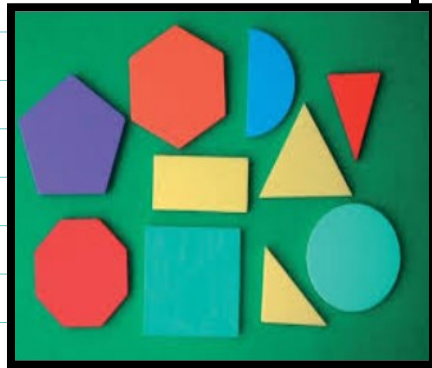
Special points
of interest:

- ✓ Word to Know
- ✓ Two-Dimensional Solid Shapes
- ✓ Three-Dimensional Solid Shapes
- ✓ Mathematical Practices
- ✓ Want to help with homework?

Words to Know

Position Words:

Above,
Below,
Beside,
In front of,
Next to,
Behind,



Flat: two-dimensional shapes.

Circle: flat, closed, curved shape with no straight sides.

Hexagon: flat figure enclosed by six straight sides.

Rectangle: flat figure enclosed by four straight sides.

Square: flat figure enclosed by four straight, equal sides.

Triangle: flat figure enclosed by three straight lines.

Face: flat side of a solid.

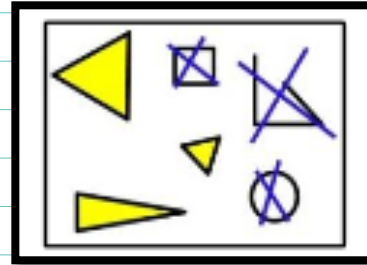
Solid: three-dimensional shapes.

Two-Dimensional Shapes

Students will look at various flat shapes and describe the attributes of the shape. In lesson 1, students will look at objects and determine which shape looks like it. For example, a clock looks like a circle.

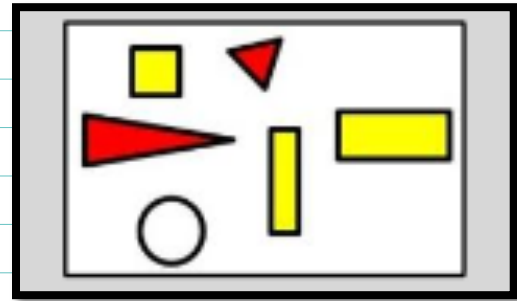
In Lesson 2, students will gain understanding that a **triangle** is a flat figure enclosed by three sides and will be able to identify the shape by name.

Example: Find the triangles and color them yellow. Put an X on shapes that are not triangles.



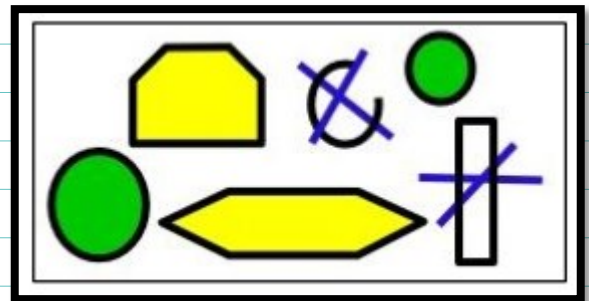
In Lesson 3, students gain an understanding that a **rectangle** is a flat figure enclosed by four straight sides and begin to identify rectangles by name. They will also understand that a square is a flat figure enclosed by four straight equal sides.

Example: Color all the rectangles yellow. Color all the triangles red.



In Lesson 4, students gain an understanding that a **hexagon** is a flat figure enclosed by six straight sides and a **circle** is a flat, closed, curved shape with no straight sides. They will also begin to identify these shapes by name.

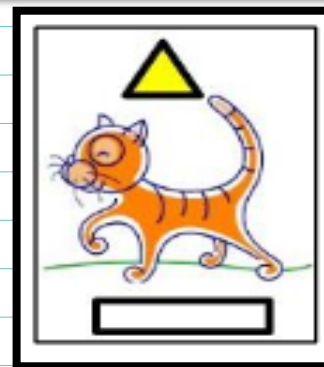
Example: Find the circles and color them green. Find the hexagons and color them yellow. Put an X on the shapes that are not hexagons or circles.



In Lesson 5, students learn about positional words. The word **above**, **beside**, **behind**, **in front of**, and **next to** are position words.

Example: Draw a shape with 4 sides, 2 long and 2 short, below the cat.

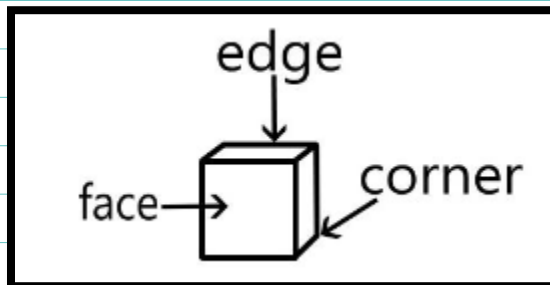
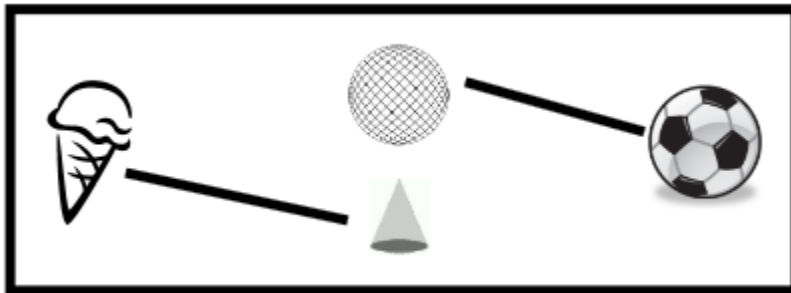
Example: Draw a shape with 3 straight sides above the cat. Color it yellow.



Three-Dimensional Shapes

In this module, students will also look at various solid shapes and describe the attributes of the shape. In Lesson 6, students will look at objects and determine which shape looks like it.

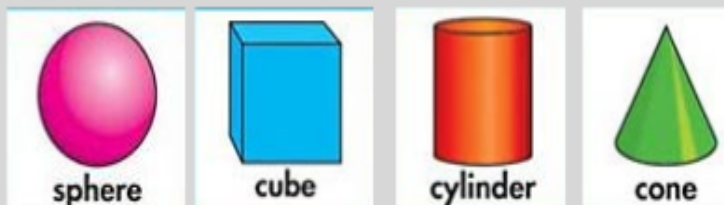
Example: an ice cream cone looks like a cone.



Students will also examine how three-dimensional shapes and objects are similar to or different from one another with respect to orientation and relative positions to objects.

Students will discuss things such as the edges of the shapes, corners, and points, that a face is a flat surface, or that some shapes just have curves and no edges. In lesson 7, students will learn the names of the three-dimensional shapes described in Lesson 6.

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They will look at the shapes and sort them into groups such as shapes that have corners, shapes that do not have corners or shapes that have faces.

In Lesson 8, students will have additional practice with the position words **above, below, beside, behind, in front of, and next to**.

